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July 8, 2009

Ms. Stephanie A. Strength
Environmental Protection Specialist
USDA Rural Utilities Service
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Re: CapX 2020
Hampton-Rochester-LaCrosse Route Options

Dear Ms. Strength:

We represent Dr. David Lowe and his family with regard to power line routing issues. I write on behalf of the Lowes to strongly object to the proposed routing option that would place a power line directly overhead of the Lowe home.

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The proposed power line option at issue here is one of two route options for the north/south 161 kV transmission line running east of Rochester, Minnesota, from the Southeast Rochester/Chester substation northward. The Lowes' home is in the very southwest corner of the southwest quarter of Section 2 in Haverhill Township, Olmsted County, Minnesota. The west-most of the two proposed power line routes is depicted on the CapX 2020 detailed maps as being directly over their home. A copy of the relevant portion of the map is enclosed showing the Lowe property. The home is built only 100 feet or so from the west property line, so if the transmission line follows the property line, the Lowe home would be well within the set back zone, and closer to the transmission corridor than the height of the proposed power line. This is unacceptable from both a safety and aesthetic perspective.

The path of this east-most proposed route is gerrymandered to avoid other residences, and it clearly is a less suitable option than the west-most proposed route.

With this letter Dr. Lowe wants to express in the most vigorous way possible that he will not willingly accept this proposed route, will not ever agree to an easement for such a route, will not



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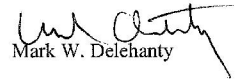
Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

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give up his home, and will take all legal steps available to challenge, delay and otherwise make unsuitable this proposed power line route option that would endanger his family and destroy the aesthetics of his rural home.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

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